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Lisbon, December 23, *N. S.*

ON the 8th Inſtant his Portugueſe Majeſty, after having aſſiſted publickly at Maſs in the Patriarchal Church, ſet out in the Evening for his Country Houſe at Salvaterra, in order to take the Diverſion of Hunting for ſome Days; and returned to this City the 16th in the Evening. His Majeſty has been pleaſed to recall from Baniſhment Dom Joaon Bernardo and Dom Antonio Silveira, two of the Noblemen who were baniſhed upon Account of an Inſult on the Corrigidor. The 9th Inſtant a Man of War of 60 Guns called Noſſa Senhora das Ondas ſailed from hence with Orders to cruize on the Coaſts againſt the Algerines. She is to join the Victoria a Fifty Gun Ship, which ſailed out upon the ſame Cruize ſome Days before. His Britannick Majeſty's Ships the Argyle and Lyme arrived here the 8th Inſtant, the firſt from Newfoundland, the latter from Gibraltar: The Colcheſter is ſtill here. The annual Licenſed Ship belonging to the Tobacco Contractors, lies now ready to ſail for the Rio de Janeiro.

St. James's, December 28.

This Day M. Hoppman delivered his Letter of Revocation as Reſident from the Duke of Holſtein, and at the ſame time his Credentials as Reſident from the Duke of Mecklembourg to His Majeſty at a Private Audience, to which he was introduced by the Right Honourable the Lord Viſcount Townſhend one of His Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State, and conducted by Sir Clement Cottrell, Kt. Maſter of the Ceremonies.

December 29. He had Audience of their Royal Highneſſes the Prince and Princeſs of Wales, in their reſpective Apartments, being introduced by Sir Clement Cottrell, Kt. Maſter of the Ceremonies.

War-Office, Dec. 22, 1726.

Whereas the General Officers of the Army to whom the Examination of the Reduced Officers of the Land-Forces and Marines upon Half Pay in Great-Britain was referred by His Majeſty, have in their Reports to Him, among other Things, propoſed the following Rules, viz.

"That every Reduced Officer on Half-Pay "in Great-Britain, ſhall for the future write to "the Secretary at War for the Time being, "twice every Year, viz. in the Months of Ja"nuary and July, declaring he is the ſame Offi"cer who was approved of in the laſt Exami"nation, and no otherwiſe provided than by "His Majeſty's Half-Pay; which Letter muſt be "ſigned by the ſaid Officer, mentioning there"in the Regiment to which he did belong.

"And alſo, that no Reduced Officer on "the Britiſh Eſtabliſhment of Half-Pay ſhall "preſume for the future to go out of any of "His Majeſty's Dominions into foreign Coun"tries without a particular Leave of Abſence.

Theſe are therefore by His Majeſty's ſpecial Command, to direct and require all Perſons concerned herein, to conform themſelves to the ſaid Rules, as they ſhall anſwer the ſame at their Peril.

H Pelham.

Whitehall, Dec. 30, 1726.

Whereas ſeveral Private Men have deſerted from the Three Regiments of Foot commanded by Colonel Newton, Colonel Deſney, and Colonel Anſtruther, when they were ordered on board His Majeſty's Ships at Portſmouth: His Majeſty is graciouſly pleaſed to pardon all ſuch of thoſe Deſerters who ſhall ſurrender themſelves to the Marſhal of the Savoy on or before the 12th *Day of the next Month, and Officers are appointed to ſubſiſt, and conduct them to Gibraltar to their reſpective Regiments: But in Caſe they do not ſurrender themſelves by the Time, and at the Place above-mentioned, they will (when apprehended) be proſecuted with the utmoſt Severity.* *By His Majeſty's Command.*

H. Pelham.

Truſtees-Office, South-Sea-Houſe, Dec. 16, 1726.

The Truſtees appointed by Act of Parliament for Sale of the Eſtates of the late Directors of the South-Sea Company and others, give Notice, That they intend to expoſe to Sale by Cant or Auction, to the beſt Bidder, in the Hall of the South-Sea-Houſe, on Wedneſday the 25th *Day of January next, at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon, the ſeveral Eſtates following, viz. A Freehold Houſe in Roſe-ſtreet, Covent Garden, and a Houſe in Bread ſtreet, in the City of London, late the Eſtates of William Aſtell, Eſq; (one of the ſaid late Directors.) A Copyhold Eſtate at Market-Deeping, in the County of Lincoln, late the Eſtate of James Edmondſon, Eſq; (one of the ſaid late Directors.) A Freehold Eſtate at Whelply-Hill, in the County of Bucks, and a Freehold Eſtate at Stanton-Barnard, in the County of Wilts, late the Eſtates of Francis Hawes, Eſq; (one of the ſaid late Directors.) A Moiety of three Freehold Houſes near Aldgate, in the City of London, late the Eſtate of Richard Houlditch, Eſq; (one of the ſaid late Directors). A Leaſehold Houſe in Swithin's-lane, in the City of London, late the Eſtate of Mr. Robert Knight, late Caſhire of the ſaid Company. An Eſtate at Abloads Court, in the County of Glouceſter, late the Eſtate of Mr. Robert Surman, late Deputy Caſhire of the ſaid Company. Particulars of the ſaid Eſtates may be had at the Truſtees ſaid Office.*

Truſtees Office, South-Sea-Houſe, Dec. 26, 1726.

The Truſtees for raiſing Money on the Eſtates of the late Sub-Governour, Deputy-Governour, Directors, Caſhire, Deputy-Caſhire, and Accountant of the South-Sea Company, and others, do hereby give Notice, That the Court of Directors of the ſaid Company hath come to ſeveral Reſolutions touching the Debts, Eſtates, Intereſts or Incumbrances, claimed by the Perſons herein mentioned on the Eſtates veſted in the ſaid Truſtees, viz. A Reſolution on the Claim of Thomas Walker, a Reſolution on the Claim of Jeffery Pike, and a Reſolution on

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